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and 220 KV lines and sub-stations.

2. Introduction of free governor mode of operation at all generating stations.
3. Ensuring proper operation of under frequency load shedding relays in SEBs distribution systems.
4. Implementation of a rational commercial mechanism which would induce SEBs to regulate their drawal and the generators to generate power according to schedules, to enable stabilization of voltage and frequency.
5. Installation of capacitors at load centres of State Electricity Boards.

Setting up Power Projects in Orissa

1257. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the proposal to set up any power project in Orissa is pending with the Central Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the stage at which the proposal is pending; and
- (d) the steps taken to clear the proposal expeditiously?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (d) As on 28.2.2001, no DPR is under examination in Central Electricity Authority (CEA) for accord of Techno-economic clearance by CEA in Orissa.

Fly Ash from Thermal Power Plants

1258. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the total production of fly ash from Thermal Power Plants in Madhya Pradesh and in the country as a whole;
- (b) the percentage of utilization of this fly ash in manufacture of products and inland fills and mine fills in Madhya Pradesh as well as in the country as a whole; and
- (c) the steps being taken by this Ministry to ensure higher utilisation of fly ash and what is the target for the next five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (c) During 1999-2000, the production of fly ash in Madhya Pradesh (including Chhattisgarh) was 12.565 million tons/annum as against 70.774 million tons/annum for 73 TPSs out of 80 thermal power stations in the country. The percentage utilization of fly ash in manufacture of products, land fills and in mine fills in Madhya Pradesh during 1999-2000 was 15.56% by MPEB and 14.56% by NTPC of their respective fly ash generation. The percentage of gainful utilization of fly ash achieved in the country as a whole during 1999-2000 was 15.32%. Comprehensive guidelines have been issued in May, 1996 for maximum utilization of fly ash. CEA, on behalf of the Ministry of Power, is monitoring fly ash utilization. Various utilities have set up ash utilization divisions in their respective stations and are organizing seminars/workshops, etc., for proper interaction with various users. The target for next 5 years is as follows:-

Thermal Power Plants (Old) 33.3% Utilization of fly ash generated.

Thermal Power Plants (with 9 years
years Stipulation) 50% utilization of fly ash generated.

Restructuring and Privatisation of Distribution of Electricity

1259. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are about to give a major push to the restructuring and privatisation of distribution of electricity in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the proposed changes would form part of the Draft Electricity Bill and if so, whether the opinion of the various State Governments have been sought for the same; and

(d) if so, their reaction to the proposed measure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (d) Quantitative and qualitative power shortages, declining trend in rural electrification, poor financial health of State Electricity Boards (SEBs) etc. have necessitated reforms and restructuring of the power sector. It has been recognised that restoration of viability of the distribution sector is the key to improving the health of the power sector.

In the Conference of Chief Ministers/Power Ministers held on 3.3.2001, it was resolved that State Electricity Regulatory Commission may be made